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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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Re: Application of Masashi AONUMA, Masaaki OHTSUKA and Takeshi FUNAHASHI  
**INTERFACING METHOD FOR NETWORKING PRINTERS**  
Our Reference: Q53632

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Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including the specification, claims, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, seven (7) sheets of drawings, three (3) priority documents, executed Assignment and PTO Form 1595.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

|                                  |            |             |                   |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Total Claims                     | 70 - 20 =  | 50 x \$18 = | \$ 900.00         |
| Independent Claims               | 20 - 3 =   | 17 x \$78 = | \$ 1326.00        |
| Base Filing Fee                  | (\$760.00) |             | \$ 760.00         |
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Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$ 3,246.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$ 40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

Japanese Patent Application

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Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Saturday, the filing of this application on Monday, March 15, 1999, is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,  
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